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MR. SAMUEL B. BRADFORD.

### Samuel B. Bradford.

Our popular candidate for the A. P. A. Secretaryship is fast becoming known to the philatelic public through the biographical notices that have recently appeared.

Mr. Bradford is one of our younger members, having been born the 11th of September, 1865. He will therefore celebrate his twenty-third anniversary just two days before the A. P. A. reaches its third. As he is twenty years the senior of the Association his youth cannot be strongly or successfully urged against him.

At the age of thirteen the youthful "Sammy" became enamored of the charms of stamp collecting, an affection that he never could quite get over. Postage stamps, his studies and the pleasures attending a comfortable home occupied his time until he was twenty. Then he became one of his Uncle Sam's servants and aided the postmaster at Ottawa in serving the population with its daily courses of mail-first, second, third and fourth class. Sam, however, always remained first class.

When the agitation that resulted in our glorious association first became manifest, Mr. Bradford at once responded. He would not accept it, if the entire Asso-

did not hesitate, did not wait to see what some one else had to say, but at once sent in his adherance to the plan. And not only that, but he bestirred himself to get others to join, and aided in every way he could those who were working to form the Association.

It would be difficult indeed to name one who from the start has had the good of the entire number more at heart than has Mr. Bradford. And that, too, in his quiet, unassuming manner that leads all who know him to love him. That he should ever be named a candidate for office was as far from his thoughts as being nominated for the presidency of these United States. Yet when he was asked to make the race he wrote in reply somewhat as follows: "Your proposition was a very great surprise to me and my first impulse was to decline most firmly. But after talking with the members here I have decided to leave the matter in your hands; if you think I can properly fulfil the duties of the office, all right; if not, I pray you to let the matter drop at once and forever."

This shows the character of the man. Were he not qualified to fill the office he ciation arose as one man to tender him the honor. But if he felt that he could do well, the laborious and sometimes thankless task imposed by such an office, could he but serve the Association, then he would accept. And on this point even, he would not be guided by himself alone, but rely on those who knew him and the character of the task that would be his if elected.

Last winter Mr. Bradford left the employ of the Post Office and established himself in the coal business, from which fact he may lose a portion of the labor vote, for the coal barons are not popular with all classes. We will venture to say that he gives honest weight and good goods, which is more than we can say of the particular "baron" that supplies us. Being thus the master of his own time he will be well qualified to give the prompt attention to his duties that the office requires.

Besides being charter member number eighteen of the A. P. A., Mr. Bradford is President of the Ottawa Philatelic Society and a member of the Chicago Philatelic Society. He was in attendance at the Chicago Convention of last year, and will be, we trust, at Boston this year. As a collector he has had his ups and downs, like the most of us, the last down being the theft of a large portion of his valuable collection. Although postal card notices, descriptive of the stolen property, were at once scattered broadcast, up to this day no trace has been discovered of the missing stamps.

But I did not intend to write an article, only to give a brief sketch. And I find that the warm feeling I have for my friend causes my pen to run away and inflict my readers with what may prove a tiresome effusion. Still I trust I may be pardoned my prolixity and that each and all of you will unite with me in electing as Secretary of our cherished Association, a man who will honor the same, while being honored by the bestowal of the office—and that man is Samuel B. Bradford, of Ottawa, Ill. S. B. Bradt.

#### CHICAGO NOTES.

You're wrong there. It was a very "jay" local.

What does "Observer" know about a stamp on a love letter? Have you had one lately?

St. Louis is the city to vote for in which to hold the fourth American Philatelic Association Convention.

What have you got to exhibit in Boston? Send your stamps, etc. to the Committee early so they will get the benefit of a prominent space.

If you want to know what independence means just read the editorial in the first number of the *Stamp Collector*. I'm with you, boys, keep it up.

The Canadian Philatelic Association also has its Official Journal trouble. I voted for and favored the *Halifax Philatelist*, but am willing to abide with the selection of the majority.

I am waiting for the verdict. Is Mr. G. B. Calman guilty or not? If I were on the jury, I should acquit him and put the costs on the other side.

While *Philo's Monthly* is nothing very grand, it contains more general information than the majority of stamp papers; my advice to you is to subscribe at once if you wish to secure a valuable file.

Is it not rather bad taste to jump on a man under cover of an assumed name? If I could substantiate what I say I should not be afraid to sign my name to it.

Monday, May 7th., a letter was mailed at the Stock Yard Post Office plainly addressed to "S. M. Bloss & Co., 55th and Lake Ave., City." It finally reached its destination via Binghamton, Broom Co., N. Y., four days late.

You will probably be called on to vote this month. Be sure you don't neglect it. See if we can't get out a full vote this time. If you send in your vote as soon as you receive notice, you will not be likely to forget it.

Button, button who has got the button?

I have got one and it is an A. P. A. button too. It only cost forty cents and I presume all the members but "E. L. Raish" will get one. It is not extra fine, still what can you expect for forty cents?

If you cannot attend the Convention send your proxie to some one to represent you. Don't send it to anyone who solicits it, as they may have axes to grind. Send your instructions along with it, as to the next place of meeting, etc. I shall try to put my proxie in good hands.

The new pamphlet of Patrick Chalmers in reply to Pearson Hill's late pamphlet is conclusive in every respect. While it was not needed to convince those who have given this matter a thorough investigation, still a few who do not seem to care who invented the adhesive postage stamp, may be induced to come off the fence and spare enough time to read it carefully.

Two new Journals for the torrid month of July speak well for the confidence and nerve of those who back them. Of course I expected something pretty good from Ottawa, but was not prepared for the surprise and pleasure I received in going through the first number of the Stamp Collector. It has made a bid for the "top notch" with its first issue and its future is in the hands of the collectors. Will they give it their support?

If this story, which comes from New Hampshire, is true, the Post Office Department has a chance to investigate. On the day after the big blizzard of March, Mail Carrier Gage, of Hopkinton, started from the village on foot, with his mail bag on his back. The drifts were so deep that he had to crawl on hands and knees much of the way until he reached the Concord line, four miles away, where he found a team that took him to that city. The Washington authorities are said to have fined him \$1.40 for the delay which occurred to the mails. That was tough, to say the least. P. M. Wolsieffer.

#### CHRONICLE.

AFGHANISTAN.—To last month's list can be added the la., 2a., and lr., on white laid batonne paper.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Of the new series the 50c. blue has been received Perf. 11 1-2. Also a 4c. letter card, redbrown on white, portrait of President Celman.

AUSTRIA.—The following surcharges for use in the Levant are announced: 10 pa. on 3 kr.; 20 pa. on 5 kr.; 1 pi. on 10 kr.; 2 pi. on 20 kr.; 5 pi. on 50 kr. The current 10 kr. is printed on straw colored paper.

AZORES.—The 20 r. card of Portugal has been surcharged "ACORES" in small black letters.

Bahamas.—The "Philatelic World" reports a 2 1-2d. blue.

Brazil.—A new issue is announced. Adhesives, 20, 50, 80, 100, 200, 300, 500, 700 and 1,000 reis. Envelopes, 100, 200 and 300 reis. Wrappers, 20, 40 and 60 reis. Letter Card, 80 reis. Postal Cards, 40r. and 40x40r.

British Basutoland.—The "I. B. J." informs us that the Cape of Good Hope stamps are surcharged for use here.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND.—There have been chronicled two stamps of high value £1 and £5—both purple.

British Honduras.—"2 cents" on 1p. rose and "3 cents" on 3p. brown are reported.

CANADA.—Mr. Hechler writes to the American Philatelist that during the Indian outbreak in the Northwest in 1885, the envelopes, wrappers and cards were surcharged "Service" across the stamp and "O. M. S. Only" in lower left hand corner. The royal arms were at the top and the surcharge was in black, blue or red.

CHINA.—We have seen the 1c. green on yellow, and the 5c. bright yellow.

CUBA.—The P. J. of A., notes the 20c. lilac gray.

ECUADOR.—The stamps surcharged "Oficial" have been pronounced frauds.

EGYPT.-Le T. P. says that the 1 pi.

envelope is to be issued in a smaller size, also 2 pi. envelopes and newspaper bands.

Great Britain—The current 1 1-2d and 6d. have been surcharged "Govt. Parcels."

Hungary.—A new series has been issued, representing very much the one it superceeds. Excepting the 1 kr. all have a black figure of value in centre and a ground work of vertical, colored lines.

1 kr. black.

8 " orange, orange lines.

12 " brown, green lines.

15 " rose, blue lines.

24 " violet, rose lines.

30 " green, brown lines,

50 " red, orange lines.
1 florin, blue, silver lines.

3 " red, gold lines.

India.—The 12a., "India Postage" is printed in brown on vermillion and the current 2a., is surcharged in black "On H. M. S."

MARTINIQUE.—150,000 of the 20c. stamps have been surcharged as follows: 60,000, "01"; 60,000, "05"; 30,000, "15."

MAURITIUS.—The Ph. R. notes the 2c. card surcharged "2 cents."

Mexico.—Several of our exchanges chronicle the 2c. red, surcharged

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PANAMA.—There is a 2c. red of the map series.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—The 2 1-2d. blue has been surcharged "ONE PENNY." There are two varieties, the second and more common one having the original value crased with a pen stroke and the lettering in larger type.

SHANGHAI.—The 20c. on 80c. has been found with surcharge upside down. The 20c. has appeared in grey and the 60c. in pink; perf. 15.

UNITED STATES.—The June issue of the Official Postal Guide gives a schedule of all the values and sizes of envelopes that are now made by the government and states that they have been placed on sale at the postoffice in New York City. The schedule includes all values from 1c. to

90c., and all sizes. These may be had in any quantity from a single envelope up, and provisions are made for their supply by mail to persons at a distance from New York.

VENEZUELA.—1 bol., brick-red, perf. 11 1-2; 3 bol., violet, lithographed, roulettted. By a decree dated April 7, 1888, a new series of both the "Correos" and "Escuelas" issues have been ordered from New York.

Virgin Islands.—The 6d. is now printed in lilac; there is also a new post card, 1d. rose on buff.

WEST AUSTRALIA.—The "American Philatelist" notes a change of perforation in the current 1d. and 2d.; perf. 12 1-2.

ZULULAND.—The following English stamps of current issue have been surcharged in black block letters "ZULU-LAND." 1d. 2d. 3d. 4d. and 6d.

#### Current Publications.

BY S. B. BRADT.

In the June "American Philatelist" Mr. Tiffany takes up Mecklenburg Schwerin in his list of foreign envelopes; Mr. Corwin commences a very interesting article on "Errors" but beg to take exceptions with him when he terms the re-set, or counterfeit Alsace and Lorraine stamps reprints; Mr. Hatcher provides a treat to revenue stamp collectors in his article on the "Revenue Stamp Tax Laws of our Various States;" locals are taken care of by Mr. Rothfuchs in his article on the "Salem," and by Dr. Mitchell on the "Wells-Fargo." Mr. Stone's most excellent Chronicle, the Official Reports and Society Reports make up the remainder of the 24 pages.

"The Anglo-American Stamp Herald Review" is a new one from London. It does not begin to be as large as its name, and contains only a record of new issues and some advertisements.

Mr. Gambs comes to the front with another issue of his occasional, the "California Philatelist," which contains considerable to interest collectors.

Canada has produced another journal, the "Canadian Stamp and Coin Journal" (Jnly). It contains eight pages and opens with a romance.

Concluded in our next issue.

### Hints for the Stampist.

"There are black sheep in every flock." and the philatelic fold is no exception to the rule, as many collectors and dealers have found out ere this time, and to their sorrow. To point out to the tyro "stampist" the ways in which philately's "black sheep" carry on their nefarious trade is the purpose of this little sketch.

We will take up the fraudulent dealers first. Among this class of individuals we find many bold and successful "anglers," and unless we keep our eyes open and our minds busy with the "signs of the times," they will occasionally draw us up. We are willing to admit that their baits are oftimes tempting, but young fish should not "Snap at every bait, or dance at every spring-tide thaw." A certain class of fraudulent dealers carry on their dastardly business by means of flaming circulars and price-lists, headed with "Rare Stamps," "Big Offers," or "Your Last Chance." Such dealers do very little advertising unless they find a publisher of their own stripe. And right here allow us to run off at a tangent long enough to tell you that there are such "creatures" as fraudulent philatelic publishers, and that it will be your best policy, unless you wish to be "taken in and done for," to steer clear of such wretched sentines. Neither patronize the publisher nor his advertisers. It is true the advertisers of such publications are not always swindlers, but the majority of them are or else they would not patronize or strive to advance the interests of a fraud. You all have heard the old saying "Birds of a feather flock together." Then, stampists, beware! But let us again take up the main thread.

Some dealers do all of their business by means of approval sheets. Of course the sheets are O. K., but the stamps, nixie.

These sheets are invariably sent to tyro collectors, there to play sad havoc among the innocent and unwary. Fine stamps, neatly arranged, make a fine morsel—so tempting that the tyro stampist is invariably "pulled" thereby.

Again there are dealers who run a "double department." To advanced collectors they send genuine stamps; to the inexperienced, counterfeits. Now if there is one class of dealers more despicable than another it is this class. As our reasons for this statement are perhaps plain to all, we will not stop to explain but will pass now to the second "species" of the "genus" about which we are writing, viz. fraudulent collectors.

These collectors carry on their "peesnus" in several different ways. Some have the habit (and a bad one it is) of keeping all approval sheets sent them, and that, too, without making any remittances whatever. Write to them for explanations and some will politely, or impolitely, inform you that no sheets have been received. Others will state that sheets sent them were "duly returned," while others will remain "mum."

Again there are some collectors who keep a *good* supply of counterfeit stamps, to be used in exchanging for the genuine article. Such classes are fiendish, indeed, and the less we say about them perhaps the better.

From what little we have now written, ye tyro philatelists will observe that if you mean to be successful in your calling, you must work with both eyes open and your ears keyed to attention. A lack of precaution on this line may cause you the loss of many a dollar. Again if you would keep clear of the jaws of these "land-sharks," deal only with those persons whose names appear in reliable publications, or those who are willing to furnish reliable references. A compliance with these rules may be the means of saving you many a hard-earned dime, and dimes with the majority of collectors are precious things. S. ESTLE MILLER.

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#### JULY, 1888.

Say, Mr. Thomas, when is that libel suit against the Collectors' Ledger coming

We are very sorry that the Agassiz Record published by Frank E. Wetherell has suspended. It was a good magazine but could not be made to pay.

Many stamp dealers are complaining about dull times, just at present. fail to hear any complaint though from those who advertise in the WORLD.

We notice that some of our contemporaries wish to have the Convention of 1889 held at Washington, while others prefer St. Louis. As far as we are concerned we should prefer Washington, but as it will be held in the east this year it is no more than fair that it should be in the west next.

We sincerely hope that every member of the A. P. A., in New England will attend the Convention in Boston next month. Very likely it will not be held so near us again for ten years. If all collectors who attend the Convention would take their stock of duplicates with them,

they would undoubtedly be able to make some good exchanges.

"Last September we furnished W. R. Fraser, of Altoona, with an electrotype, shortly after sending him a bill for same, the amount being one dollar. Since then we have written him at least ten times regarding payment, but have not had a single reply. Until lately we have thought Mr. Fraser a much abused man, but anyone who will dishoner such a next, obtgation, without even assigning a receive the second of the petty obligation without even assigning a reason, is unworthy of confidence. On publication of this we will send him a receipted bill for the amount due." -Collectors' Ledger.

This is the gentleman (?) who was editor of Vol. I of the American Philatelist and abused the late Mr. L. W. Durbin -because he would not get down on his knees and worship Pat Chalmers-Secretary Bradt and everyone else who would not vote to keep him in office. As Mr. Fraser is associate editor of the Figaro, it would be the proper caper for editor Voute to rise and explain.

"One of the pleasantest things of this life is to note the perfect accord and unusual mutual admiration evinced by the Collectors' Ledger and the CURIOSITY WORLD. If signs go for anything we would say that the two journals were engaged and that a marriage is imminent.-The Stamp.

Of course we admire the Collectors' Ledger. It is a first class paper, published by two first class fellows who have sand enough to speak right out in meeting let it hit who it may. As to the "marriage," we don't imagine the two papers will be made "one" right away. By the way, we always admired the Stamp, but it strikes us that if the west has the president, the east should have the vice president. If a dealer should not hold office in the Association, why should an

## Origin and Progress of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

The Chicago Philatelic Society is the legitimate successor of the old Chicago Stamp Collectors' Union, and was organized on October 8th, 1886. The first Board of Officers were President S. B. Bradt, Vice President P. M. Wolsieffer, Secretary C. R. Gadsden, Treasurer T. J. Mitchell, Librarian W. H. Shelton.

On November 18, 1886, it joined the American Philatelic Association as a branch, being the first society to take this step in support of the then young National Association.

On December 2, 1886, it put itself on record as believing in Jas. Chalmers as the inventor of the adhesive postage stamp, and at the next meeting, Dec. 16, it passed the resolution unanimously in favor of Patrick Chalmers' claims on behalf of his father, which example was followed soon after by many societies, therefore the credit of having set the ball in motion in favor of Jas. Chalmers belongs to the Chicago Philatelic Society.

On Dec. 20, 1886, appeared the first number of the "Western Philatelist" which was published solely in the interest of the Society and as its Official Journal. The publication of it was undertaken by five members, but two, Messrs. Mitchell and Shelton withdrew before the first number was issued, which left Messrs. Bradt, Gadsden and Wolsieffer to continue the venture. How well they succeedcan be ascertained by a glance at the seventeen numbers that were issued. It will be found by comparison that no Philatelic Journal in its first seventeen numbers ever contained the same amount of reading matter and articles of literary merit and valuable information for Philatelists. The Western Philatelist would not have existed had the Chicago Philatelic Society not been organized, and the Society is proud of the work and advance in Philatelic Journalism that its late Official Journal accomplished.

In August 1887, it entertained the second American Philatelic Association Convention, and its banquet to the delegates who attended is a matter of Philatelic History.

On June 14, 1888, it elected the American Philatelist as its official Journal being the first Branch to officially endorse the Association's Journal.

Interest among its members is always alive and its meetings are always well attended, far better than the average.

Meetings are held on alternate Thursdays at the Tremont House, and no vacation season is taken advantage of by suspend-

ing meetings over the summer. Its membership is large and includes many prominent philatelists from all over the world, as passive members. It is still in its infancy being hardly two years old and it has achieved a reputation equalled but by few in such a short period. The present board of officers are President C.R. Gadsden, Vice-President, W. H. MacDonald, Secretary and Librarian, P. M. Wolsieffer, Treasurer L. A. Haskell. P. M. Wolsieffer.

## Chicago Philatelle Society.

BRANCH NO. 1 A. P. A.

Meetings he d on alternate Thursdays at the Tremont House, C. R. Gad-deu, President, P. M.-Wolsieffer, Secretary. For information address the Secretary, 162 State St., Chicago, Ill.

Meeting of June 14th called to order by the President at 8.10. The call of the roll showed eleven members present, as follows:—

Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Chapman, Gadsden, Gilbert, Haskell, Holman, Kurzweg, McDonald, Start and Wolsieffer. The minutes of last meeting were approved. The resignation of Thos. Nelson was received and accepted with regrets, and Secretary instructed to notify him of the action taken.

Committee to re-draft the Constitution reported the work well under way with a promise to present it at the next meeting. The Campaign and Printing committee each reported progress.

Mr. Bradt gave an account of his visit to Ottawa last week and spoke in glowing terms of the progress the Ottawa branch of the A. P. A. was making.

Under head of "New business" the matter of selecting an official Journal for the society came up. There was considerable discussion owing to the fact that offers from three of the leading Philatelic Journals were placed before the society for their consideration. It seemed to be the desire of all to treat each with equal fairness, and in order to bring about an amicable settlement, not any of the offers were accepted. It was then moved by Mr. Bradt and seconded by Mr. Start

that we elect the "American Philatelist" as our Official Journal. Motion concurred in unanimously; Secretary was instructed to officially notify the Literary Board of the A. P. A. of the action taken in this matter.

There being no further new business, the President announced recess. After recess the members were again called to order and business resumed. A motion prevailed that if found necessary to call a special meeting next week, the President be empowered to order the Secretary to send notice to members for such meeting on twenty-four hours notice.

Auction sale closed the evening's business. Sales were above the average. Mr McDonald was fortunate in obtaining a New York quite cheap, and Mr. Wolsieffer was fortunate in obtaining a ninety cent unused entire No. 8, on white envelope, 1882 watermark, below catalogue price. Treasurer reported receipts for the evening \$7.60.

Meeting adjourned 10 P. M. Next meeting Thursday, June 28th.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Sec'y.

Special meeting June 19th.-At the last regular meeting held Thursday, June 14th, the President was authorized to order the Secretary to call a special meeting if found necessary, on twenty-four hours notice. This was done because it was expected that President Tiffany, of the A. P. A., would be in the city on the following week, during the Republican National Convention, and it was the desire of the Chicago Philatelic Society to have him meet as many Chicago Philatelists as possible. On Tuesday morning, the 19th, Pres. Tiffany found that the evening of that day would be the only available one on which he could meet the members. The Chalmers Society was invited to participate in the informal reception to our A. P. President, and was well represented. more time could have been given for the purpose of sending out notices, a much larger assemblage would have greeted

him, but the short notice and the fact that so much excitement was going on all over the city made it a hard task to notify members in time. The informal reception was held at the handsome residence of Mr. A. L. Holman, No. 2115 Indiana Ave., member of the Chicago Philatelic Society.-The following gentlemen were present: Messrs. Abbott, Dayton. Drury, Frost, Merrill, Wilson, Bradt, Gadsden, Gilbert, Holman, Kurzweg, Mac Donald, Nelson and Wolsieffer. President Tiffany made a few remarks to the effect that he was glad to meet so many Chicago Philatelists, and that he did not intend to make a lengthy speech because he desired to make the acquaintance of each one individually and have the pleasure of better knowing them.

Mr. Holman proved to be a most excellent host and much is due to his praiseworthy endeavors to entertain the guest of the evening.

Mr. Bradt offered the first toast of the evening which was "To Our Guest." Pres. Tiffany responded in his usual happy style.-The next was "To Our Host" which Mr. Holman acknowledged .- "The American Philatelic Association" was then toasted, Secretary Bradt responding .- Mr. Wolsieffer toasted the "Chalmers Society" of Chicago, its President, Mr. Wilson responding .- Mr. Wilson toasted the "Chicago Philatelic Society." President Gadsden responding .- Toast followed toast and the ladies (pless them) were not forgotten. During the evening one cork made more noise than any of the others in being drawn from the bottle and it was unanimously agreed to send it to our "Boodle Alderman" of Erie, Pa. to add to his collection of corks, started at the last Convention, and the Secretary instructed to forward same to him. The evening was agreeably spent by all and those members who had not had the pleasure of meeting Pres. Tiffany before agreed with those who had met him on former occasions that the merry twinkle of his eye made them feel at home at once, and that they felt quite well acquainted with him. We were all very glad of the opportunity of meeting our president and hope we may have the pleasure at some future date again. Special meeting adjourned at 11 P. M. P. M. Wolsieffer, Secretary.

Meeting of June 28th. called to order by the President at 8.15 P. M. Twelve members attended, as follows, Messrs. Abraham, Bradt, Gadsden, Gilbert, Has-Kurzweg, MacDonald, kell, Holman, Nelson, Peeke, Pierce and Wolsieffer. Minutes of last meeting were approved as read. Communications received since the last meeting were the resignation of Mr. W. J. Clark, and a letter from the Literary Board of the American Philatelic Association. Mr. Clark's resignation was referred to the Executive Board for approval. It was moved by Mr. Bradt and seconded by Messrs. MacDonald, Nelson and Gilbert, that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Holman for the very graceful manner in which he entertained our visitor, President Tiffany, and the Special Meeting, at his residence on the evening of the 19th. Carried.-Constitution Committee was ready to report but owing to ammendment which is to be acted on at the next meeting it was laid over. Printing Committee was not ready to report fully but promised to do so at the next meeting. President Gadsden reported on behalf of the Boston Exhibit, and stated that he had begun the work of getting together such material as he thought it was proper to place on exhibition, and he asked for the assistance and aid of all the members of the Chicago Philatelic Society, both active and passive. There being no new business to come before the meeting recess was announced. After recess the usual auction sale was held and quite a good lot of U. S. stamps were disposed of. No further exercises were offered, and the Treasurer having reported the receipts, it was moved to adjourn at 10.20. Carried.

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